

**IN THE SPECIFICATION:**

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In the illustrated embodiment, packet switch 90 is coupled, in turn, to a plurality of framers 92, one for each 2.5 Gb/sec bit stream. Each framer 92 can be, for example, a SONET OC-48c framer, catalog number VSC9112 manufactured by Vitesse Semiconductor Corp., Calif., U.S.A., or the OC-48c framer manufactured by Lucent Microelectronics, N.J., U.S.A. In framer 92, the HDLC-like frames are mapped onto a payload, e.g., SONET OC-48c payload, as a transmission frame, preferably a Packet over SONET/SDH (PoS) frame, and then transported to their destination as if they were conventional PoS frames.